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SUBJECT: PROGRAMMING CYPRIOT INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

1. ANDREAS CHRISTOFIDES, FY 75 IV, HAS JUST RETURNED AND BEEN DEBRIEFED BY EMBOFF. FULL REPORT WILL FOLLOW. THE POST WISHES TO ALERT DEPARTMENT TO ONE PROBLEM WITH CHRISTOFIDES' TRIP THAT SHOULD BE AVOIDED FOR OTHER CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL VISITORS.

2. CHRISTOFIDES REPORTED THAT UPON ARRIVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO HE WAS GIVEN AN ABBREVIATED SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY BY DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND THEN TURNED OVER TO HONORARY GREEK CONSUL IN SAN FRANCISCO. CONSUL ARRANGED MOST OF CHRISTOFIDES' PROGRAM THERE AND INCLUDED AN EIGHT-HOUR POLITICAL DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE HOME WITH GREEK AND TURKISH STUDENTS. OUT OF THIS DISCUSSION A NEWS-PAPER ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN AND SENT TO LOCAL GREEK CYPRIOT PAPER WHICH PLAYED UP ANTI-AMERICAN REMARKS SUPPOSEDLY ATTRIBUTED TO CHRISTOFIDES.

3. GIVEN CURRENT STATE OF GREEK-AMERICAN POLITICAL AWARENESS AND ACTIVITY, POST WOULD SUGGEST DEPARTMENT AVOID VOLUNTEERING CYPRIOT IV GRANTEES TO GREEK OR CYPRIOT ORGANIZATIONS FOR PROGRAM PURPOSES. WE ARE SURE THESE ORGANIZATIONS WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH GRANTEES ON THEIR OWN OR THROUGH CYPRUS EMBASSY.
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